

The Story of Bottled Water

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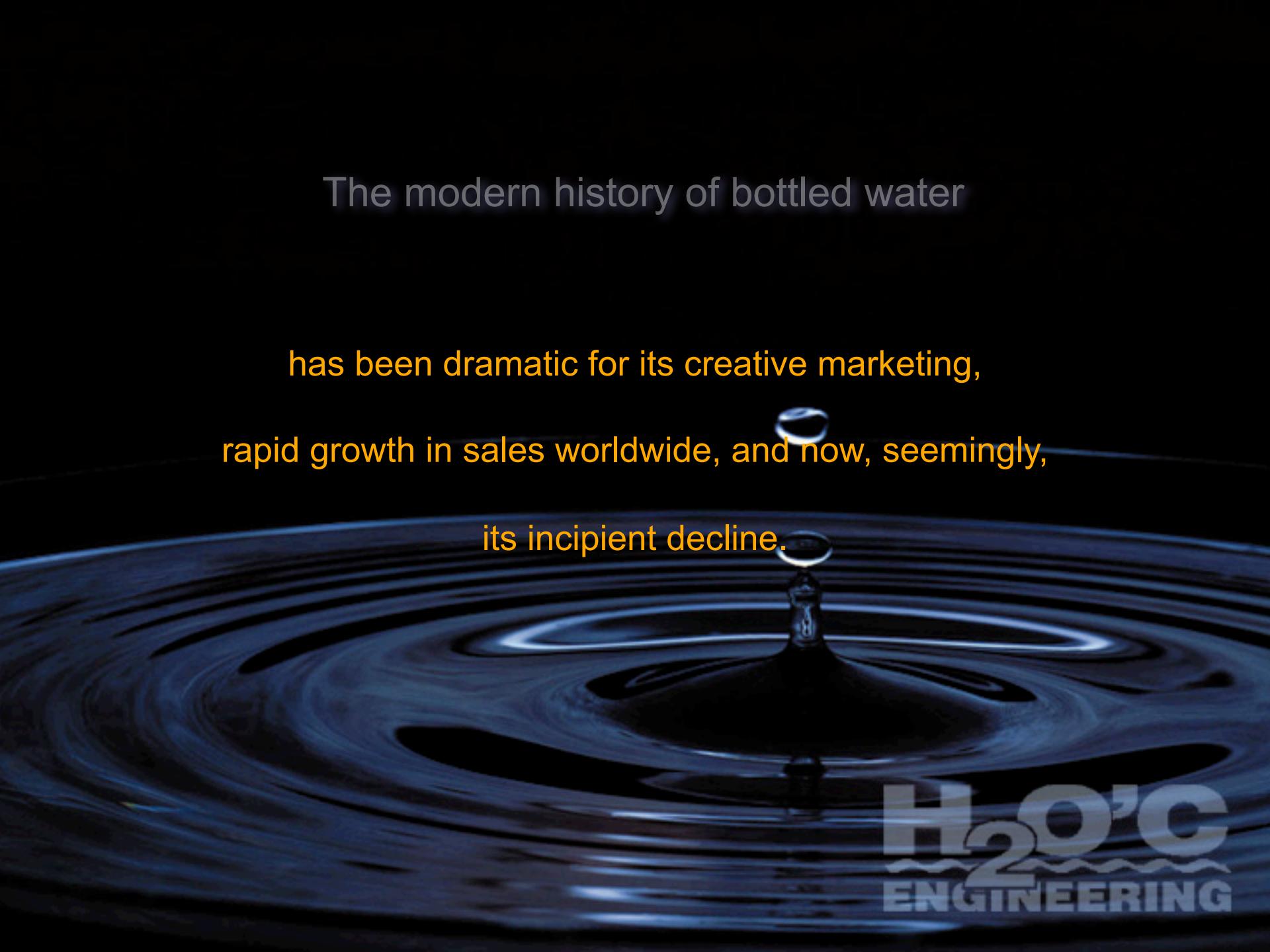
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The modern history of bottled water

has been dramatic for its creative marketing,

rapid growth in sales worldwide, and now, seemingly,

its incipient decline.



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1820 - Early Rationale for Bottling Water

Drinking water has been stored in and, from earliest times, filtered through earthenware for over 7000 years.

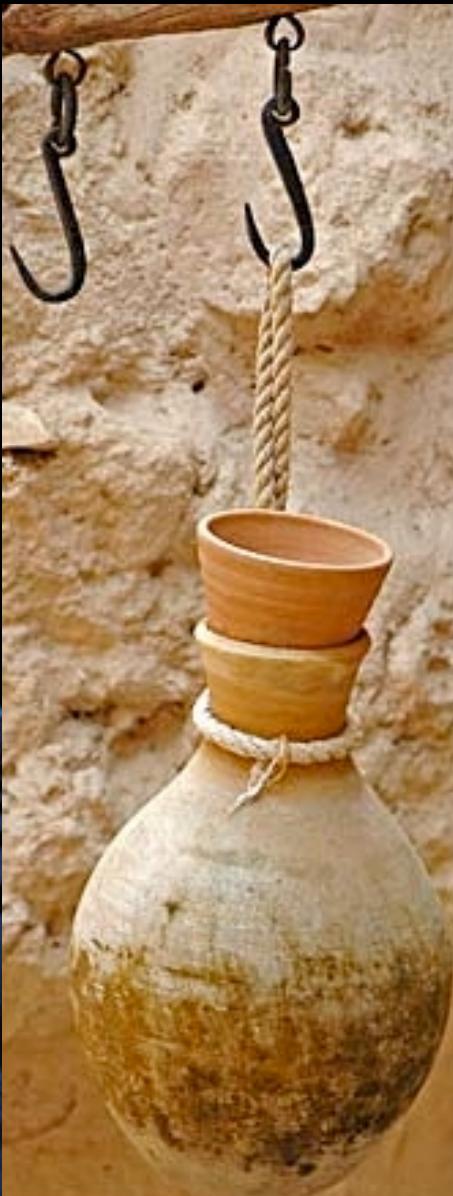
One of the first bottled waters sold in the United States was the Reverend D. O. Griswold's
Sarasota Springs spring water.

Hawked under the name *Doctor Clark*, in 1820, it was advertised as a cure for stomach ailments.

**5,000
B.C.E.**

**Earthenware
for water
sedimentation
filtration
storage**

Middle East



**1845
C.E.**

**Hiram Ricker's
springwater as
cure for kidney
ailments**

**Poland Spring,
Maine**

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1845 - Good for What Ails You!

The first drinking water to become widely available in the U.S. was Hiram Ricker's spring water which was sold as a cure for kidney ailments.

Hiram's water was bottled in *Poland Spring, Maine* as early as 1845.

Available locally in pottery jugs, three gallons sold for 15 cents.

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1960 - Colored Glass Bottles



Dark colored glass
to protect against
sunlight, algae.

CaCO_3 precipitates

Mid-Twentieth Century - the Birth of an Industry

Water was generally bottled in glass which sometimes had a dark color to protect the contents against sunlight and limit the growth of algae.

Colored glass also tended to hide precipitates, such as calcium carbonate, which sometimes accumulated in the bottom of the bottles.

1968

Dupont polyethylene terephthalate

PET invented by
Nathaniel Wyeth
(brother of painter Andrew)

1 kg of PET
requires about
2 kg of oil
and produces
3 kg of CO₂

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1968 - Bottled Water Goes Plastic

Water is heavy and expensive to transport, particularly when enclosed in thick glass. However, the development of clear polyethylene terephthalate (PET) by DuPont engineer, Nathaniel Wyeth, lightened the burden of shipping and stimulated the marketing of water with bright, attractive packaging of many sizes, colors, and complex shapes.

1977 Perrier

introduces the fashion accessory for yuppies:
its **bowl-ing-pin-shaped**,
green bottle



Bottle Sizes

(and water contents)

begin to decrease



1977 - The Miracle of Marketing: Perrier Ice Cubes for Eskimos

Perrier entered the U.S. market with a distinctive green, pin-shaped bottle. Promoted in an imaginative nationwide marketing program, its sales reached \$20 million in its first year and tripled in the following year.

As a '*fantasy gift*', Neiman-Marcus reportedly offered a swimming pool filled with Perrier.

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Downsizing - with style



Flavored Canadian Water



Ireland

England

Belgium

Italy

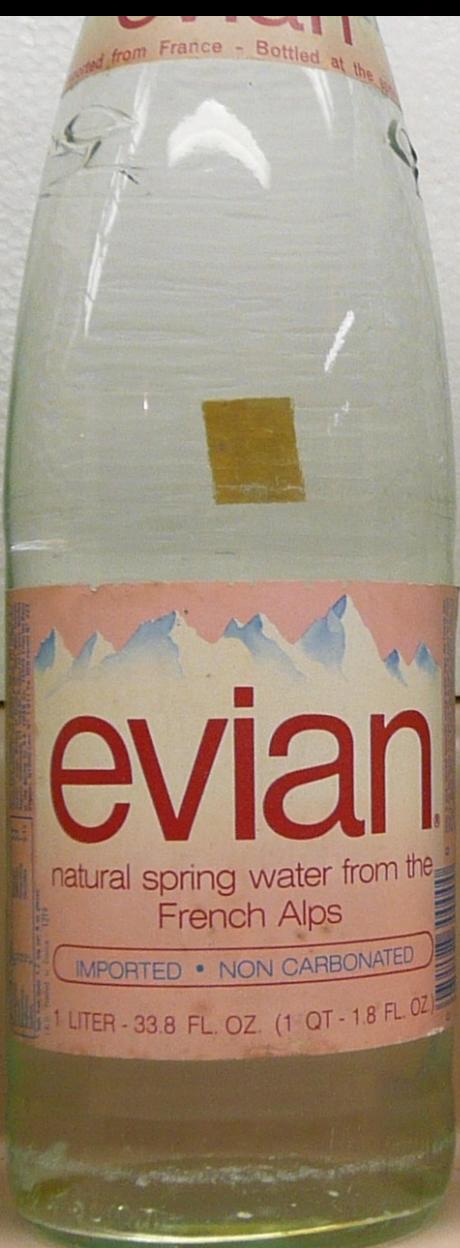


Germany

France

Europe

Yugoslavia



1978 - The Bottle as Fashion Statement

Bottled in France since 1826 for its medicinal properties, Evian surfaced in 0.5 litre PVC bottles in 1969.

Thereafter, Evian launched a sculpted bottle for the *Winter Olympic Games at Albertville*.

In 1992, Evian premiered the launch of a PET bottle which was '*completely collapsible*', presumably to save landfill space.

Evian Millennium limited edition bottle (1999) marked the millennium.

The *Evian Nomade* (2000); *Evian Affinity* (2001); Evian 1 litre

Marketing Poland Spring

Ride! Rock! Choose! Win! Movies! DVD!

-- and, oh yes! water!



Now brought to you by Nestlé, the Swiss Company that sells water throughout North America!

Enjoy your ride!

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U.S. - Arrowhead

Nestlé Mountain Spring Water “It’s Better Up Here!”



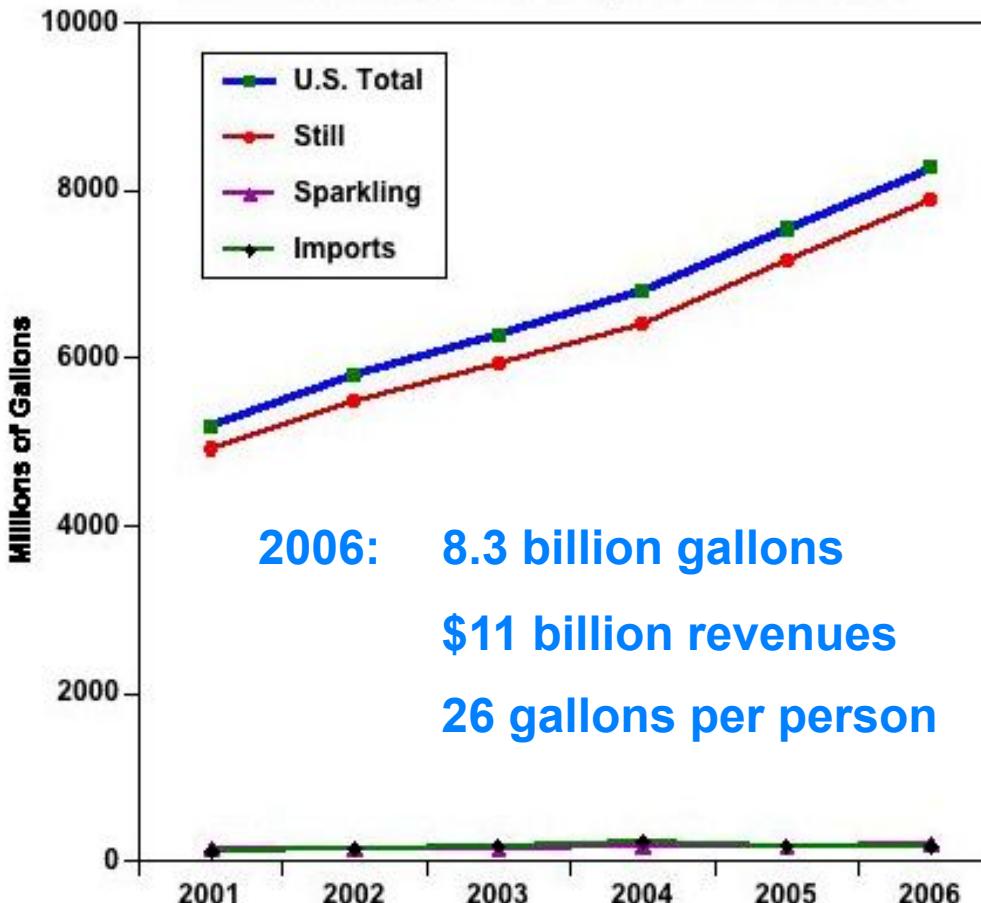
Despite advertising illusions,
most of the water sold in the U.S. is groundwater;
25% is derived from municipal water sources.

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U.S. Bottled Water Consumption

≈ 10% Annual Growth

U.S. Bottled Water Consumption - 2001 to 2006



Suppliers to Bottlers

- Activated Carbon Products
- Bottle Closures
- Bottling Equipment
- Carry Handles
- Color Label Printers
- Computer Services, Software
- Coolers; Chillers
- Labels and Packaging
- Oxygen Related Products
- Ozone, UV, R.O. Systems
- Packaging (PET)
- Plastic Bottle Equipment
- Process Technology
- Trucks and Transportation
- Water Sources (Wells)
- Water Treatment Plants

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2000 - 2007 - Bottled Water Sales Surge

Bottled water sales experience extraordinary growth (approximately, 10% annually) creating demand for the increased production of PET plastic and the need for a variety of small-scale treatment units and bottling supplies.

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Annual Bottled Water Consumption

billion gallons

United States 7.5

Mexico 5.0

China 3.4

Brazil 3.2

Italy 2.9

Germany 2.8

France 2.2

Indonesia 2.0

India 1.6

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Bottled Water Consumption, Gallons Per Capita

Italy	51
United Arab Emirates	48
Mexico	47
Belgium-Luxembourg	42
Spain	39
France	37
Germany	34
Lebanon	28
Switzerland	27
United States	26
Cyprus	26
Saudi Arabia	25
Czech Republic	24
Portugal	22
Slovenia	22
Global Average	7

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Arkansas

Missouri

Maine Yugoslavia



St. Louis Kansas City Chicago Okla. City



Chicago! 'Great Lake' or 'Deep Artesian'!







8 ounces more
than 1 gallon ?

Gallon jug ruptured
releasing all of
Buffalo Don's
Crystal Pure
Artesian Glacial Water
onto my bookshelf

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Minnesota Distilled Water
-- with tasty salts added back in!

DRINKING WATER

*Prepared by distillation
Selected minerals added for taste*

INGREDIENTS: DISTILLED WATER, CALCIUM CHLORIDE,
POTASSIUM BICARBONATE, MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE.

ONE GALLON (3.79 L)

*Kandiyohi Bottled Water Co.
Willmar, MN 56201*

An IBWA Bottler Member

SPRING

“Never Hit the Ground ...”

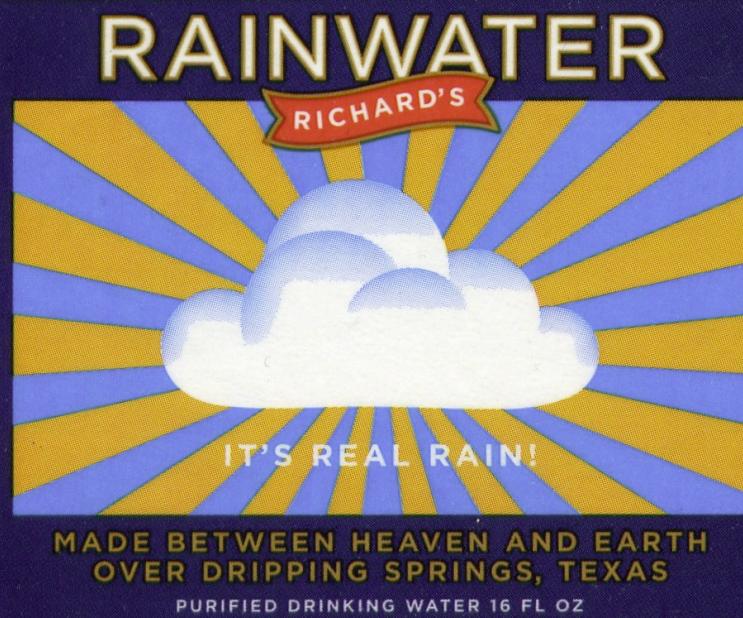
“...proud purveyor of fresh squeezed cloud juice.”
‘jes don’ get no bettern’ that!



Who reads labels? You, it seems. Maybe you're trying to find out if this is real rainwater. Well, it is. I harvest it straight from the source—clouds. That means it never hit the ground, a claim no other bottled water in America can make. Maybe you want to know if I filter it. Oh, yeah. We're talking the ultimate in purification—reverse osmosis. Maybe you're wondering how it tastes? To find that out, it's time to stop reading and take a sip.

RICHARD HEINICHEN

Proud Purveyor of fresh squeezed
Cloud Juice™, the Original Rainwater.



NUTRITION FACTS

Serving Size 8 fl oz (240 ml)

About 2 Servings per container

Amount Per Serving

Calories 0

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 0g 0%

Sodium 0mg 0%

Total Carbohydrates 0g 0%

Protein 0g 0%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet:



GO TEXAN.

Captured and Bottled at Tank Town
2770 Highway 290 West, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620
www.rainwater.org or www.rainwatercollection.com

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Private Label Bottled Water
your organization's name and logo



34 cents per bottle when ordering pallet quantities!

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Missouri Rural Water

“No Protein!”

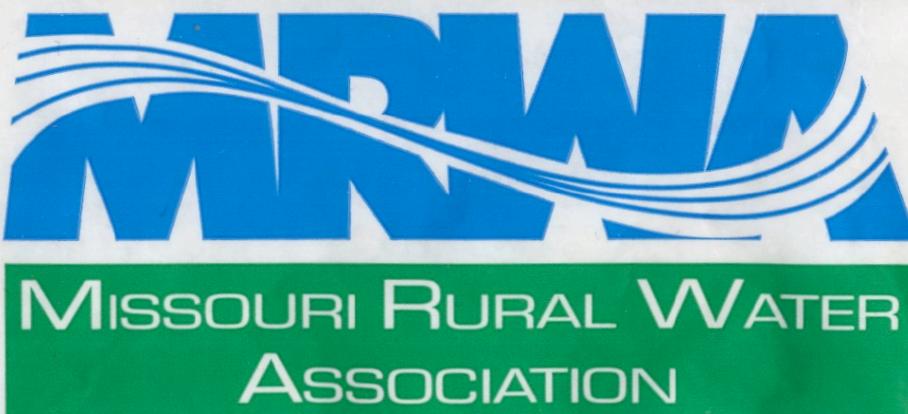
This bottle can be refilled
with your local tap water
nearly 640 times for less
than a dollar.

Distributed by:
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Ashland, MO 65010



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PURIFIED DRINKING WATER
20 FL. OZ. (592 mL)

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 8 fl. oz (240 mL)	
Servings Per Container: 2.5	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 0	
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 0g	0%
Sodium 0mg	0%
Total Carbohydrate 0g	0%
Protein 0g	0%

* Percent Daily Values are based on a
2,000 calorie diet.

Crystal Clear Water
Purified by Triple Filtration,
Reverse Osmosis, Ozonated.

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Local Brands: for truckers and college women

Grain Valley Truck Stop

816-443-2027

Conoco



GV

Caution:
This is not
beer!

SUBWAY

www.stephens.edu

Won't make you fat!

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COLLEGE

Bottled by Crystal Springs, Inc.
El Reno, OK 73036
Consumer Inquiries Please Call 405-262-0237
www.crystalspringsok.com
.5 LITER (16.9 FL. OZ.)

Pure Drinking Water

SODIUM FREE

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 8 fl oz (240mL)
Servings Per Bottle 2.1

Amount Per Serving

Calories 0

% Daily Value

Total Fat 0g 0%

Sodium 0mg* 0%

Total Carbohydrate 0g 0%

Protein 0g 0%

*Percent Daily Values are based
on a 2,000 calorie diet.

Bottled by
THE WATER DEPOT Inc.
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www.thewaterdepot.com
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PURIFIED WATER 20oz. (591 mil)

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please recycle OZONATION

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 8 Fl. Oz. (200mL)
Servings Per Bottle 2

Amount Per Serving

Calories 0

Total Fat 0g 0%

Sodium 0mg 0%

Total Carbohydrate 0g 0%

Protein 0g

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2000
calorie diet.



100% RECYCLABLE

Water source approved by the State
of Oklahoma Department of Public
Health Permit Number 0049051

BOTTLED IN THE U.S.A.

Regulation of Bottled Water Quality

Proposed (2007) California Water Quality Notice:

Make available annual *consumer confidence report*

Label to indicate *source*; provide *contact information*

International Bottled Water Association (IBWA):

Opposed to onerous California legislation

Pepsi spokesman said anyone can find out the true source of **Aquafina** by calling the 800 number on the bottle top.

Produit du Canada

**Cold water tastes good! It's cold in Canada!
Canadian water tastes good!**

**CANADIAN
ESSENCE**
NATURAL SPRING WATER

Ozonated • Dissolved mineral salts: 270 p.p.m.
Fluoride ions: 0 p.p.m.
Non-carbonated • Sodium-free*
Source at Feversham, Grey County, Ontario

500 mL

ANALYSIS/ANALYSE: P.P.M.			
As.....0	F.....0	K.....1	
HCO ₃ ...330	Mg....31	Na....2	
Ca.....87	NO ₃2	SO ₄8	
Cl.....5	Pb.....0	Zn.....0	
Cu.....0			



**CANADIAN
ESSENCE**
EAU DE SOURCE NATURELLE

Ozonée • Teneur en sels minéraux dissous : 270 p.p.m.
Ions de fluorure : 0 p.p.m.
Non-gazéifiée • Sans sodium*
Source située à : Feversham, Grey County, (Ontario)

500 mL

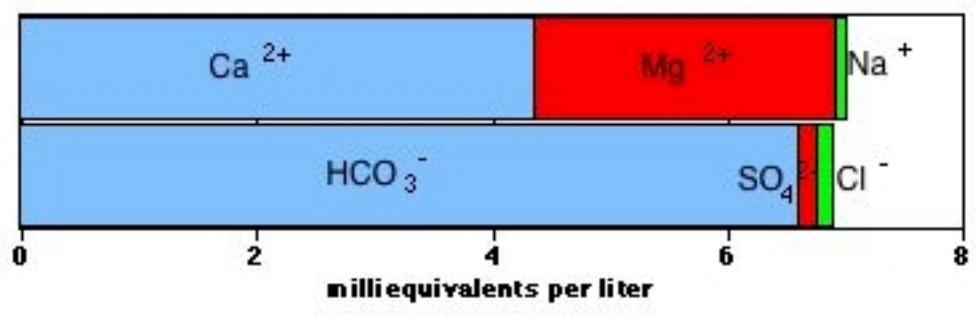
Product of Canada/
Produit du Canada

SODIUM: 0.48 mg; POTASSIUM: 0.25 mg
PER 250 mL SERVING (1 CUP)
PAR PORTION DE 250 mL (1 TASSE).
*PRODUCTS CONTAINING LESS THAN
5 mg SODIUM PER 100 mL ARE PERMITTED
TO STATE "SODIUM-FREE." IL EST PERMIS
DE DIRE « SANS SODIUM » POUR LES
PRODUITS CONTENANT MOINS DE 5 mg
DE SODIUM PAR 100 mL.

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WHERE APPLICABLE OU PRÉSCRIT



The Canucks actually provided
water quality data on their label

-- in two languages. Olé!

No lake here! The data indicate
a moderately hard groundwater.

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**1994 - Pepsi Water hits the Spot!
Twelve full ounces, that's a lot!**

Pepsi tests *Aquafina* in Wichita, Kansas.

By 2003, Aquafina has become the top selling brand in the U.S.

As of 2007, Pepsi acknowledges that the water comes from
'public sources'.

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Coca-Cola Co-opts AWWA

The Coca-Cola Company

2007 Water For People Golf Event

Presented by RE/MAX International, Inc.

“Did you know **The Coca-Cola Company** offers more than 400 brands in over 200 countries?

“Well, we do!

There are 193
recognized countries
in the world!

“From **Inca Kola**, a soft drink found in North and South America, and **Samurai**, an energy drink available in Asia; to **Vita**, an African juice drink, and **BonAqua**, a water found on 4 continents, our product variety spans the globe!”

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1999 - Coca-Cola discovers water sales potential goes beyond worldwide with marketing

Coca-Cola introduces *Dasani* which becomes second largest selling brand in the U.S.

While Dasani bombs as '*bottled spunk*' in Great Britain, Coca-Cola currently boasts sales of 400 varieties of bottled water in 200 countries worldwide.

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Brand Name: BonAqua/BonAqa

Drink Type: Water

BonAqua/BonAqa: BonAqua provides the pure taste of crystal water. Known as BonAqa in some locations, this refreshing product is available carbonated or noncarbonated, depending on location.

Available in the following flavors: Apple, Apple Mint, Cranberry Grapefruit, Guaraná, Lemon, Lemon Lime, Lime, Lingonberry, Lychee, Orange, Pear, Raspberry, Strawberry, Tangerine and **Unflavored**

Available in the following locations: Australia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Cape Verde, Comoros, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Macau (Macao), Macedonia, Mauritania, Mayotte, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uruguay and Uzbekistan.

‘Unflavored’ is a flavor?

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The Coca-Cola Company Virtual Vender

Brand Name: DASANI Flavors

Drink Type: Water

DASANI Flavors: DASANI Grape, DASANI Lemon, DASANI Raspberry and DASANI Strawberry flavored water beverages are naturally flavored and lightly sweetened with sucralose and acesulfame potassium (Ace K) to provide a water alternative without calories or carbohydrates.

Available in the following flavors: Grape, Lemon, Raspberry and Strawberry.

Available in the following location: United States.

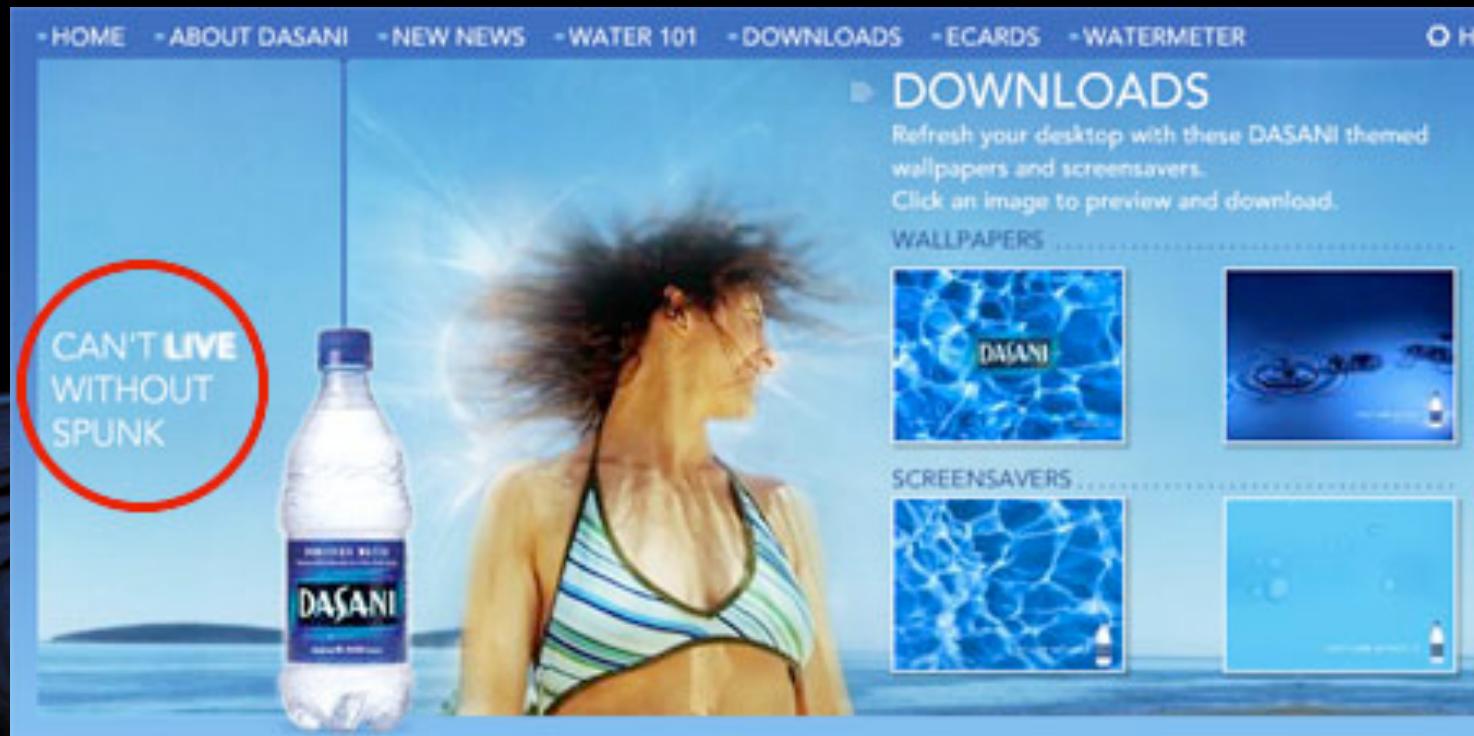
In Missouri, the most popular bottled water flavors are:

Busch, Budweiser & Michelob.

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Dasani was launched in the UK in January 2004

It was referred to as *bottled spunk* and featured the tagline *can't live without spunk*. In the UK, *spunk* is a euphemism for *semen*.



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Dasani was pulled from the UK market in March 2004

In March 2004, a news article revealed that the tap water of the Town of Sidcup in Kent was being treated, bottled and sold under the **Dasani** brand name in the UK.

Two weeks later, UK authorities found a concentration of bromate in the product. Coca-Cola recalled half a million bottles and pulled the **Dasani** brand from the UK market.

Ironically, the bromate was induced by ozonation of the tap water's bromide ion.

Soon! - with Steroids!

The Coca-Cola Company

The Coca-Cola Company Virtual Vender

Brand Name: DASANI Plus

Drink Type: Water

DASANI Plus: DASANI Plus vitamin-enhanced flavored water beverages have zero calories per serving and come in three varieties:

- 1) Refresh + Revive: Kiwi Strawberry Flavor has 10% of the reference daily intake (RDI) per serving of Vitamins B3, B6 and B12.
- 2) Cleanse + Restore: Pomegranate Blackberry Flavor contains 10% of the RDI per serving of Vitamins E, B3, B6 and B12, plus 1 gram of fiber.
- 3) Defend + Protect: Orange Tangerine Flavor provides 10% of the RDI per serving of Vitamin E and Zinc.

Available in the following location: United States.

Only in America!

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China Water

The Coca-Cola Company

The Coca-Cola Company Virtual Vender

Brand Name: Ice Dew

Drink Type: Water

Ice Dew: Ice Dew is a bottled water available in China.

Available in the following flavor: Unflavored.

Available in the following location: China.

Reducing the U.S. - China
flavor imbalance ...

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Taraetina Water Drinkers



Kidz Water!

-- not just for yuppies
and old fartz
anymore!



It's fluoridated!



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For Sports Drinkers on the Run!

Glacier Brew
A million years in the making!

Springfield, MO
City Utilities
Tap Water

Infilco
Degremont

Discover
Dothan,
Alabama



2007 - Increase in PET production facilities underway

Chemical producers initiate new PET plant construction and undertake existing facility upgrades to meet projected needs.

By 2008, North American PET production capacity was projected to increase by nearly 1.8 million metric tons per year.

Emergency Drinking Water Supply



Missouri:

West Plains

Floods

Cabool

Terrorist Attacks

Gideon

Mushroom Clouds
on Main Street

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Potables of the CCCP

Alkalinity 2100 mg/l

Sulfate 800 mg/l

Chloride 250 mg/l

Calcium 700 mg/l

Magnesium 200 mg/l

Sodium 350 mg/l

Alkalinity 5000 mg/l

Chloride 500 mg/l

Sodium 2100 mg/l



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Japan

Here's Nestlé!



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Thailand

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DRINKING WATER
PROVIDED COMPLIMENTARY

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ผ่านกรรไบร์ รีเวอร์สอัลโซนิค
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โทรศัพท์ : 076-282075



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PROVIDED COMPLIMENTARY

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OSMOSIS ULTRAVIOLETED
AND OZONATED

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MUANG DISTRICT, PHUKET

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Ultraviolet?

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Vietnam

French, German, &
Swiss companies

often provide
treatment of local
water sources with:

filtration,

reverse osmosis,
carbon filtration,

ultraviolet
irradiation or
ozonation.



In Vietnam,

Coca Cola brings you Joy!

CHÚC MỪNG NĂM MỚI

"Joy™" sản xuất từ nguồn nước ngầm
và được thanh trùng bằng ozone.
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Sản xuất bởi công ty TNHH nước giải
khát Coca-Cola, Việt Nam, Km 17, xã Lô
Hà Nội, phường Linh Trung, quận Thủ
Đức, Tp. HCM, theo sự cho phép của
công ty Coca-Cola, chủ sở hữu thương
hiệu "Joy™", thiết kế "Joy™", Coca-Cola.
và chai hình Contour.

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Hạn sử dụng: xem trên chai.

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Wales - Green Valley



We all know that water is vital to our wellbeing. But did you know that your recommended daily fluid intake is 8 glasses of water a day?

Green Valley® is a still spring water from the heart of the lush green countryside of Wales. So drink Green Valley to help you stay in top form all day long!

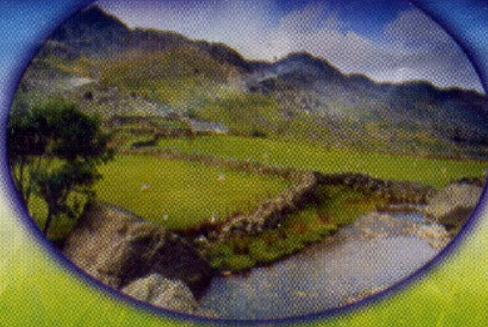
This bottle contains 100% of your recommended daily fluid intake.

Best before: see bottle neck.

This bottle is intended for the exclusive use of Green Valley® spring water.

Keep cool and store in a clean dry place out of direct sunlight.

Green Valley



1.5 L

Spring Water



Typical analysis per litre:
calcium 31mg, sodium 10mg,
magnesium 7mg, potassium 10mg,
nitrates 3mg, chlorides 20mg,
sulphates 5mg, silica 8mg.

Twyni Spring is sourced in Wales in the Brecon Beacons: H8 Ltd, Blaen Twyni, Pen-Y-Cae, Swansea, SA9 1GS.

Store ... out of direct sunlight!

or it might turn green?

India - Aqua-Fresh



PACKAGED DRINKING WATER

*Enjoy
Aqua-Fresh*

The guaranteed taste of purity

R.O.+U.V.+Ozonised

PACKAGED DRINKING WATER

IS 14543



CIVL-74054NS

Indravani foods Limited

Reg. Off.: Datta Palace, Pune - Satara Road,
Balaji Nagar, Pune - 411043.

Factory : Gat No. 475, Dhangarwadi,
(Shirwal), Tal. Khandala, District Satara.

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India - Bada Bisleri

20% EXTRA FREE

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**ONLY
Rs. 12**

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OF 1 L. BISLERI**

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India - Bailey



1.2 l at
the price
of 1 l
Bailey

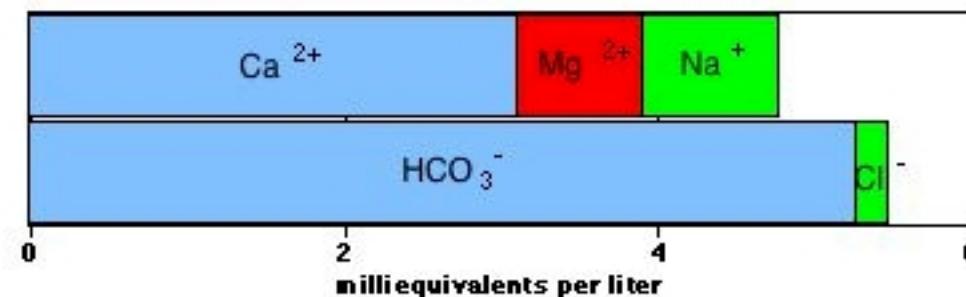
Refer Cap/ Neck for MRP of 1 l Bailey
(Inclusive of all taxes)

Do they put 1.2 liters into a 1 liter bottle?
Compressed water?

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India - Himalaya

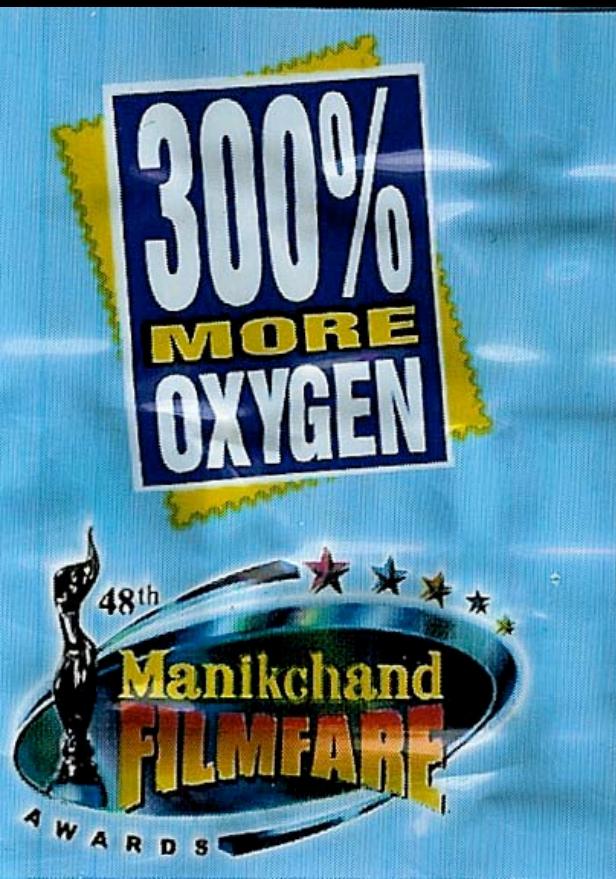
Mount Everest Mineral Water



+20°C
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India - Oxyrich

Three times healthier?



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India - Sujal

I'm safe



Sujal

I'm safe

Quantity : 1 Litre net.

M.R.P. (Incl. of all taxes): Rs.

18

Batch No.

94
DEC 03

Date of Packing :

Best for consumption within
Six months from date of packing

Process : Filtration, Reverse Osmosis,
UV Sterilization, Micron Filtration & Ozonisation

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India - Urja



1 Litre

U. V. Treated

MANUFACTURED BY :

Kutwal Foods Pvt. Ltd.

Sai Nagar, Andhalgaon, Taluka : Shirur, Dist. Pune.

Ph.: 02137- 22312/13

Pune Ph. : 020-4376929, 4372554.

NET CONTENTS : 1 Litre

BATCH NO.:

MFD.:

MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE

INCLUSIVE OF ALL TAXES



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171003
12
PLEASE CRUSH
THE BOTTLE
AFTER USE

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Water Bottles: Landfill & Litter

2.4 million metric tons of PET (polyethylene terephthalate), derived from crude oil, are used for bottles annually.

In the U.S., 86% goes to landfill or becomes litter.

U.S. consumes

1.5 million barrels of oil annually in production of disposable water bottles.

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U.S. PET Production - a growing bubble?

**North America's largest PET plant,
430,000 metric tons annually
due to start-up in 2008 in Decatur, Alabama**

Mossi and Ghisolfi Group plan
New 800,000 metric ton plant
somewhere in U.S.
Plus 200,000 metric tons
expansion in West Virginia and Mexico

**Eastman Chemical opened a
350,000 metric ton plant
in South Carolina in 2007**

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2007 - Backlash: Economic, Environmental, and Ethical

To save taxpayer money and landfill space, City of San Francisco bans the use of municipal funds to purchase bottled water.

Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Ann Arbor follow suit.

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San Francisco No City Purchase of Bottled Water!

(GETTY IMAGES)

City ban will help stem global warming, save taxpayer money
Environmental impact of making, hauling, disposing of bottles
Over a billion bottles end up in California's landfills each year

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2007 Chez Panisse

Berkeley, California

stopped serving bottled water
citing environmental impacts

The Bottled Water **BS Alarm**
has also gone off in:

San Francisco

Seattle

Los Angeles

Minneapolis

Salt Lake City
City

New York

Ann Arbor

Boston

St. Louis

Santa Barbara

Berkeley

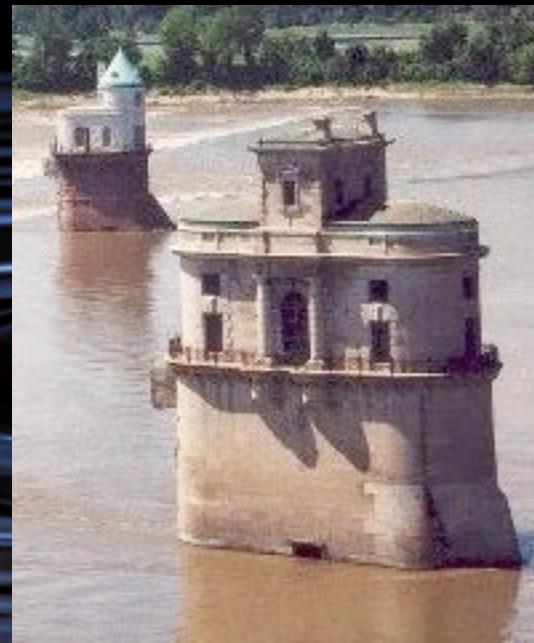
San Leandro, ...

City of St. Louis

Starting this spring, City Hall will no longer buy bottled water for employees and plans to cancel the roughly \$20,000 it has in contracts with area vendors.



St. Louis sells water from the city's treatment plant to PepsiCo's north St. Louis facility, which filters and sells it as Aquafina for \$1.25 a bottle.



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City of St. Louis

Chosen as 2007's
"Best Tasting City Water in America"
by the U.S. Conference of Mayors



- Blind taste test
- 93 entries



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Comparison of the Environmental Impact of Tap Water vs. Bottled Mineral Water

Swiss Cost Evaluation: Economics of Tap vs. Bottled Mineral Water

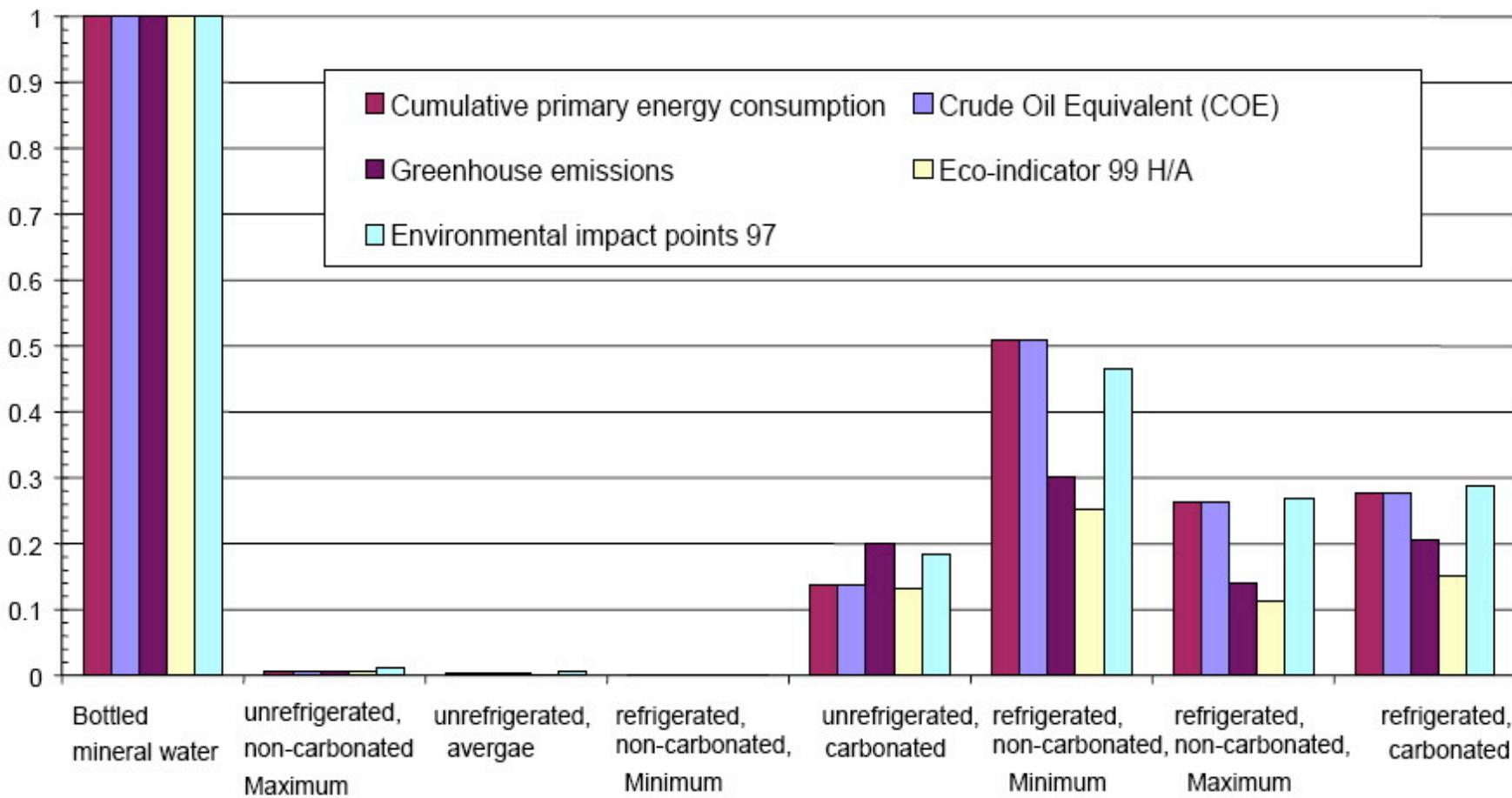
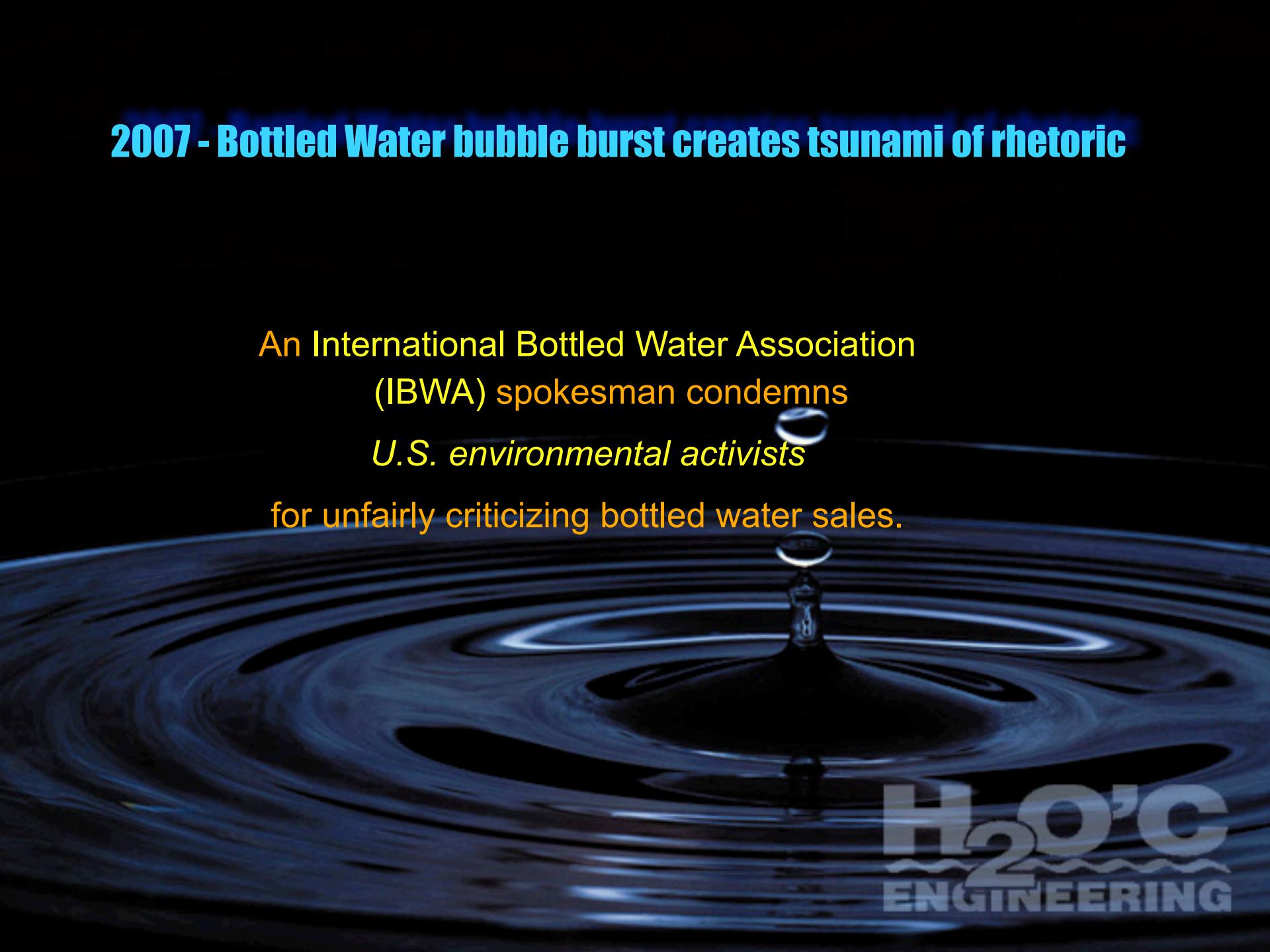


Fig. 4.2 Relative Comparison of the Environmental Impact of Bottled Mineral Water vs. Tap Water. The height of the bar indicates the environmental impact of the tap water variants as compared to the corresponding variant for bottled mineral water.

2007 - Bottled Water bubble burst creates tsunami of rhetoric

An International Bottled Water Association
(IBWA) spokesman condemns
U.S. environmental activists
for unfairly criticizing bottled water sales.



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IBWA Decries Bottled Water ‘Activism’

“During the past year, critics of bottled water have become more organized and active, instituting new methods and tactics to attack the industry.”

Corporate Accountability International (CAI)

“...even acknowledges ... the support it had from a number of faith-based organizations ...”

“They are exploiting the current political climate that supports environmental issues to demonize the bottled water industry.”

“... arm yourself with the facts at www.bottledwater.org”



Arguments re: Bottled Water

Aficionado

I can taste the difference!

I am sensitive!

It is better for you than soda pop!

You can recycle the plastic!

I want to protect my family's health!

(Do you know what is in the bottled water?)

It's convenient!

Cynic

Ever tried a taste test?
Can you smell plastic?

So is tap water!



Americans don't recycle!

From what?

(Do you know what is in the bottled water?)

How hard is it to fill a bottle from the tap?

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What's 'wrong' with bottled water?

Bottled Water is Luxury In the face of the needs of real people, suffering the real effects of water scarcity, luxury should not be our choice.

Bottle Water is Wasteful Most luxuries are, but bottled water has enormous costs that rival some of the biggest offenders.

The Money Spent Can Be Used Better Elsewhere. Waste not, and others will want less. Your resources can change someone's life!



Skip the Bottle, Save a Life

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Fiji Water - 'distant and exotic'

Manufacture of a 1 kilogram bottle requires:

6.7 kilograms of water and

0.85 kilograms of fossil fuel

Fiji Water comes from an aquifer deep within the earth on the remote islands of Fiji. Bottled at the source, natural artesian pressure forces the water through a hermetically sealed delivery system free of human contact. It is never exposed to the environment. At least, until you unscrew the cap.

Shipment (8700 km) to U.S. results in:

0.56 kilogram of emissions

www.fijiwater.com

Retail Cost: \$1.50

Typical Analysis mg/liter:		
Silica	85	pH
Calcium	17	Bicarbonates
Magnesium	13	Total Dissolved Solids

Source: Yaqara, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands. Bottled by: Natural Waters of Viti Limited, 1 Naseyani Rd, Yaqara, Fiji
PRODUCT OF FIJI
Please Recycle
1.877.426.3454
CA CRV ME St DEP NV7096 HI St
CT#611-NYSHD Cert# I-115



After Evian, Fiji is #2 in premium bottled water

Lighterfootstep.com

five reasons not to drink bottled water

- Bottled water isn't a good value
- It is no healthier than tap water
- Bottled water creates trash, litter, landfill
- Bottled water means less attention to public systems
- Leads to the corporatization of water

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Recycle your PET?

Coca-Cola reacts to critics

will build world's largest PET recycling plant

100 million lbs/year - Spartanburg, N.C.

Goal

45,000
metric tons

Coke claims markets in
200 countries

to recycle 100% of its U.S. PET bottles

How? --- by establishing

recycling centers throughout the U.S.

promoting *curbside collection* of PET

International Bottled Water Association

Bottled water consumers' fears:

- aging municipal distribution systems and longer-term quality of municipal water,
- health issues related to the use of chlorine and chloramine,
- taste of chlorine,
- fear of contamination from chemical spills, organic substances, or sabotage,
- health concerns about consumption of soft drinks.

International Bottled Water Association

IBWA is now

Pro-choice: bottled water is about beverage choice



Environmental: recycling must focus on all packaging

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International Bottled Water Association

IBWA:

is launching a comprehensive ad campaign to respond to the growing threat from activist groups

members are urged to stay alert to critics, misinformation

develop solid relationships with community leaders and elected officials

counter the misinformation that activists may offer

www.bottledwater.org

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2008 - IBWA Turns ‘Green’

Nestle

will use 30% lighter plastic bottles
will use 30% smaller labels; *Eco-Shaped* bottled
bottles will be 100% recyclable and more *compactable*
is building plants that are *green-building certified*
will use trucks that are well-maintained, more efficient
is looking at hybrid forms of transportation

IBWA

joined the *National Recycling Partnership*
will lobby govt. officials to get *efficient* recycling programs
took full-page ads: NY Times, SF Chronicle

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2008 - IBWA Turns ‘Green’

IBWA favors beverage choice
will promote recycling advocacy and education

Bottled water ‘taxes’ (deposits) targeting the bottled water industry are ‘*missing broad opportunities to put in place sustainable, long-term protective policies that do not discourage the choice of healthy bottled water.*’

‘*We don’t market to disparage or undermine consumer confidence in tap water. Ours is a beverage choice, not a tap water replacement*’

‘*It’s not like people will switch from bottled water to tap water. They’ll choose another beverage, or they’ll put something in a cup that’s discarded in the waste stream.*’ (V.P. Communications, IBWA)



U.S. Plastics Recycling Rates Decline

“Plastics don't actually *recycle*. Instead, they are reprocessed into secondary (usually non-recyclable) products due to their structural/chemical sensitivity, the extremely low cost of virgin plastics, poor product design and materials policy.” (International Plastics Task Force).

Despite curbside recycling, the PET recycle rate dropped to 11-year low of 22% in 2001. With the discard of contaminated material, the PET *utilization* rate was 18%.

Recycling Recognized as Significant Cost for Municipalities

“The city's recycling program will be drastically scaled back starting today, as the Bloomberg administration, in a money-saving move, halts the recycling of glass and plastics.” (New York Times, July 1, 2002).

It takes about 3-5 times the number of personnel to recycle as to landfill.

2008 - IBWA Turns ‘Green’

Public Water Supplies subject to USEPA regulations:
83 Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) parameters

Bottled water (Food Product) regulated by
Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

FDA sets Standards of Quality (SOQ) for food products

Operationally, bottlers may test for:
coliform bacteria, ozone residual, conductivity, pH, fluoride

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considers resolution on purchase of bottled water

SUPPORTING MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the United States' municipal water systems are among the finest in the world; and

WHEREAS, high quality, safe drinking water is already available at most public locations; and

WHEREAS, mayors are responsible for delivering safe and affordable water to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, bottled water is regulated by the FDA and municipal tap water is regulated by the EPA and has more stringent requirements for testing; and ...

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WHEREAS, local governments invest approximately \$82 billion a year to provide water and sewer services; and

WHEREAS, bottled water often costs more than an equivalent volume of gasoline, equivalent to 1,000 to 10,000 times more than tap water; and

WHEREAS, up to 40% of bottled water on the market comes from municipal water systems and the bottled water industry generated \$15 billion in revenues in 2006 from U.S. consumers; and

WHEREAS, bottled water often travels many miles from the source, resulting in the burning of massive amounts of fossil fuels, releasing CO₂ and other pollution into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, plastic water bottles are one of the fastest growing sources of municipal waste; and ...

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WHEREAS, in the U.S. the production of plastic bottles for bottled water currently requires the energy equivalent of more than 17 million barrels of oil per year – enough to generate fuel for over a million cars for a year – and generates more than 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS, we applaud the US Conference of Mayors for its National City Water Taste Test, which recognizes all of the great work municipal water systems do for its residents on a daily basis, year after year; and

WHEREAS, the US Conference of Mayors, per Resolution #90 adopted in June 2007, has compiled much information regarding the importance of municipal water and the impact of bottled water on municipal waste.

WHEREAS, the evidence suggests that banning bottled water from government use highlights the importance of municipal water and decreases the impact of bottled water on municipal waste.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the US Conference of Mayors encourages cities to phase out, where feasible, government use of bottled water and promote the importance of municipal water.

Resolution 70 Submitted by:

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Mayor of San Francisco

The Honorable Michael Bloomberg
Mayor of New York City

The Honorable Thomas Menino
Mayor of Boston

The Honorable Laurel Lunt Prussing
Mayor of Urbana

The Honorable Martin Chavez
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The Honorable Manuel Diaz
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Bottled Water Insanity Pandemic - 2008

Better than milk for babies!

Saphia Water - 'designed' by a neonatologist in consultation with lactation experts, will be offered in *Lovingly Lemon, Pacifying Peach and Bliss Berry* flavors at Babies R Us and Motherhood Maternity Stores.

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Water for Smart Women Expecting More

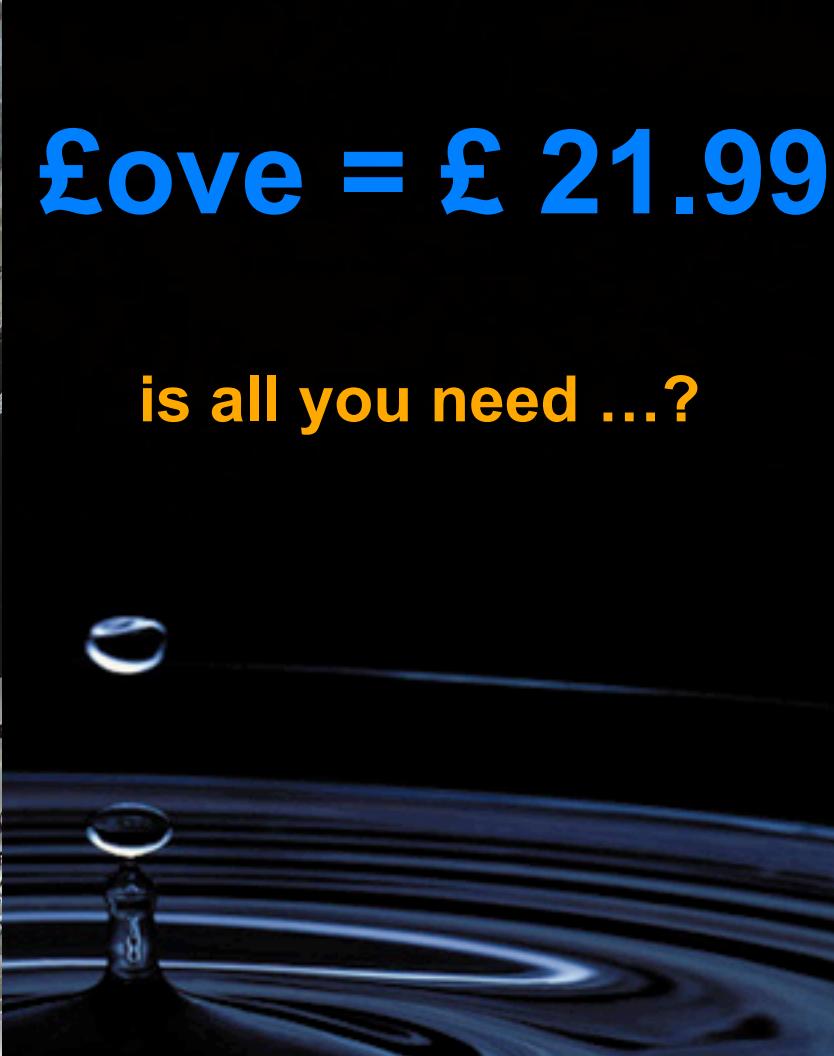
Saphia Water is the first enhanced water created specifically to respond to obstetricians' universal prescription for pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers to drink the equivalent of at least eight, eight-ounce glasses of healthy water daily.

At \$45/case, that's \$1,832 for 9 months



£ove = £ 21.99

is all you need ...?



Bottled Water Insanity Pandemic - 2008



When your water sommelier brings you a **Swarovski chrystral-studded bottle**, it will contain **Bling h²o**, the most expensive water in the world.

Offered for an exclusive market '*where water is the new wine*', this \$38 per bottle potable is reputedly Paris Hilton's choice for her Chihuahua.

Your on-line price for the limited edition 'Christmas' Bling (750 ml in a crimson and Peridot green bottle) is \$40.

Bling h²o is also available in
'convenient' plastic bottles.

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IN THE NEWS: Most Expensive Bottled Water

Fancy water that's costlier than wine. A few months ago, Madonna's pal let it slip that the Material Girl spends \$100,000 each month for water blessed by Kabballah rabbis.

BLING NOW!
at the Bling Store

More Than a Pretty Taste

\$55 per bottle - girl not included

Look Who's Talking

FOX

Bottled Water Insanity Pandemic - 2008

Sensing the challenge, H₂O'C Engineering is in the process of developing a highly advanced water product having the potential to sell for even more than all other competitors.

Condensed in hydrostatically-fused borosilicate capillaries,

H₃O'C bi-ionic electroneutral polywater

promises to be a *powerdrink* capable of delivering steroids and male enhancement products in undetectable form.

In addition to saving marriages, *polywater* has already shown its capability for curing cancer and minimizing the effects of the common cold.

What's in it? Don't ask; we won't tell.

But, if you *really* love your family ... !

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Pharmaceuticals in Water and Wastewater

A close-up photograph of a single water droplet hitting a dark, rippling surface of water. The impact has created concentric ripples and a bright, glowing center where the water is disturbed.

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Recreational Drugs in Wastewater

- Oregon State University drug-tested influent at 40 wastewater treatment plants around the country
- A "city with a gambling industry" used five times more methamphetamines than most
- A "fairly affluent community" scored low for everything except cocaine
- Cocaine and ecstasy levels peak on the weekends, but the meth and prescription drugs are constant

Over-the-Counter Drugs in Drinking Water

Caffeine found at the highest concentration of all drugs tested by Philadelphia Water

If you drink eight glasses of water a day for more than 1,200 years, you'll get the amount of caffeine in a single cup of coffee (~100mg)



Over-the-Counter Drugs in Drinking Water

If you drink eight glasses of water a day for more than 40,000 years, you'll get the amount of acetaminophen in a single infant dose (80 mg) of Tylenol.

There is currently no indication that such extremely low concentrations pose any public health risk.



www.pharmer.org

Pharmaceuticals



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Sanofi-Aventis HealthCare



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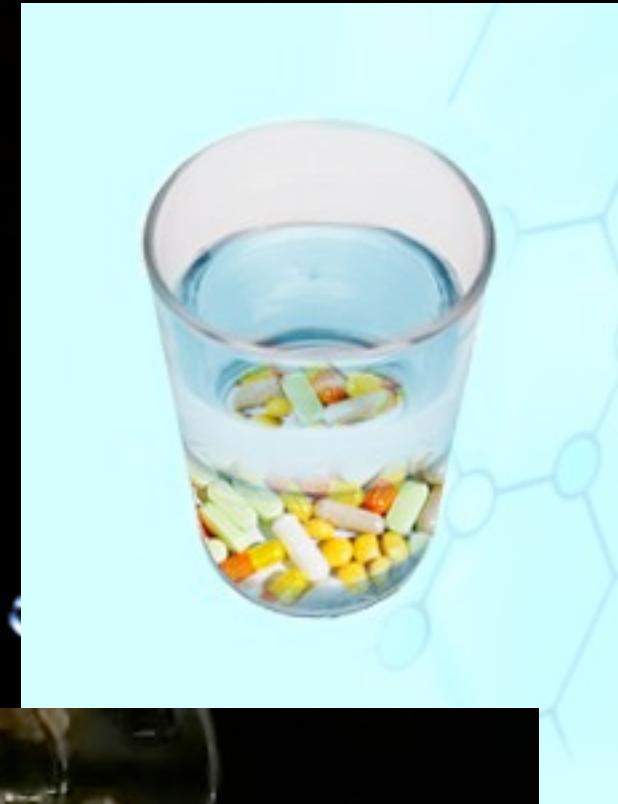
"Ask your doctor if _____ is right for you"..."
take pills... pee 'em out (& dispose extras)...
toilet... wastewater plant... river... drinking water
treatment plant intake... tap

Concentrations in drinking water are in the parts-per-bazillion range.

The real story here is:

- 1) How amazing the detection methods of modern analytical equipment are.
- 2) This stuff that we make persists and is incorporated into the environment.

Great Headlines



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Toilet to Tap?

There are no more orange groves in Orange County, California.

Instead, population grows and water is in increasingly short supply. Happily, there is an ever-increasing flow of *wastewater* (a.k.a., sewage).

A proposed \$481m *groundwater replenishment system* employing microfiltration, reverse osmosis and UV-peroxide oxidation will make wastewater ‘as pure as distilled water’...

BPA in Baby Bottles

March 6, 2009 - San Francisco Chronicle:

... six major companies have agreed to stop selling hard-plastic baby bottles containing bisphenol A, an industrial chemical suspected of harming human development ...



... some of the companies have been making bisphenol A-free alternatives, including old-fashioned glass baby bottles ...

Studies in lab animals indicate that even small amounts of bisphenol A can damage brain and reproductive systems, alter mammary and prostate glands and lead to heart disease, obesity and diabetes.

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Leaching from Plastic Bottles ?

- Mineral water packaged in plastic contains roughly twice the amount of estrogen mimics compared with water sold in glass ...
- Estrogenic compounds have potential adverse health effects ...
- Increased activity in 12 of 20, most of which relied on PET bottles
- Female snails, raised in PET bottles, produced more than double the number of embryos compared with snails raised in glass bottles.
- *Environ. Sci. Poll. Research, DOI: 10.1007/s11356-009-0107-7*

Water in a glass?



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